

Dear Dennis,

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If you are not yet home soon you will be. So, I write to update you and to call what is for me a problem to your attention.

As you may recall, before you left for England I was twice hospitalized for congestive heart failure and more other things than it is good to think about. The local critical care expert who rushed me to Hopkins the second time has since told Gil and me twice that he did not expect me to survive and that I have continued to surprise him. The local dermatologist to whom I go because two of the medications that keep me alive cause intense itching says she is amazed when I walk into her office. But gradually I weaken even more. I was hospitalized locally about two weeks ago and all tests were OK. They made a series of others and my not having heard about them tells me they disclosed nothing. Actually, other than their amazement I've learned nothing from my doctors. But I'm glad for what surprised them and to the degree possible I've made use of it.

If you have not yet heard of the outrage by Kermit Hall, of the ARRB, you will. It led me to rush what evolved into a book-length manuscript that Jerry McKnight volunteered to retype and he is now making the corrections I indicated in it. I think that with this indecency by that subject-matter ignoramus Hall, despite my limitations I did what will be as close as will be done to the ARRB as Whitewash did to the WC. Jerry will supply disks when it is done.

I have no recollection of the first epilogue to Waketh being retyped but I did a second that is several hundred pages long. It has been retyped and I await the woman who did the retyping to pick it up to make those corrections.

It has been some time since I wrote Jamie, who is undoubtedly busy with having moved, to ask if she can remove what she should not have put in the retyped version to begin with, citations to the rough draft. The pages of the retyped version were to have been put in the rough draft and all others did that. She seems like a fine person. I went over all she sent rapidly and have it all at one place. I always make copies before I put anything in the mail in case something happens and so I can answer questions. If some of that which should not have been put in the retyped copy can be removed by computer it can save me much copying that right now I'm just not up to. She has not responded on this. But if it cannot be done that way it will all have to be copied and then sent her. That box is atop of the box that holds all the rest of that monster, if I am not able to do the ~~retyping~~ copying.

Best to you both,

Jerry